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Happy New Year

Innovative clinic idea for pandemic makes Maggi Practice Nurse of the Year

A NURSE from West Lancashire has achieved more national recognition for the innovative clinics she established for the Covid-19 pandemic.

Maggi Bradley, Practice Nurse at Aughton Surgery, received Practice Nurse of the Year at the Annual General Practice Awards for her work on Video Group Clinics.

VGCs ensured patients with chronic health conditions could receive the same high-quality care and peer support without meeting face-to-face, a model which has

since been adapted for use by nurses up and down the country.

The first beneficiaries of the groups included cancer patients and it has since been expanded to include others with long-term chronic conditions, such as patients with diabetes.

The further accolade comes just weeks after Bradley's team were nominated at the Nursing Times Awards as just one of two practice-based nominees in the entire awards.

Commenting on her victory, the judges said Maggi had motiv-



Maggi Bradley received her award from comedian Tom Allen.

ated student nurses to become a part of the future of Primary Care through their involvement in the clinics and had "given us a reason to clap our hands."

Accepting her award, Maggi said: "The trust and bond between patient and healthcare provider is as important as ever and I am honoured to be able to offer support for those who need it most."

"This award is a celebration for all Practice Nurses who go above and beyond to care for people in our communities."

HUGE INVESTMENT AT BUSINESS PARK TO BRING 400 JOBS

Plans approved to build two warehouses which will create a variety of employment roles

Report by Henry James

UP to 400 jobs could be created in Skelmersdale after plans were approved for the construction of two huge warehouses on a business park in the town.

An application to build two warehouses at the XL Business Park have been passed by officers at West Lancashire Borough Council.

The application relates to about 11 hectares of land at the north west of the business park on Statham Road.

It is not yet known who will be using the premises but the applicant has applied for employment uses consistent with the outline permission for ancillary offices and industrial use as well as storage and distributions uses.

The largest of the two buildings will be



A computerised image of what the warehouses will look like once built

located to the south of the site near to the existing DHL building with the other to the north of the site.

The planning application states that "given the speculative nature of this proposal the precise number of employees to be recruited by future occupiers of the site is not yet known."

It adds: "Surveys of numbers of people employed in modern logistics buildings elsewhere indicate that employment is typically at the rate of between one employee per 77 square metres and one per 95 square metres. These figures would imply that the proposed development

could create between 320 and 400 jobs.

"It is normal for such employment to take place over two or three shifts throughout a 24 hour period and will involve a varied skill set including managerial, office, technical, semi skilled and unskilled positions."

"The proposal seeks to generate the maximum employment potential of the site, whilst respecting and responding positively to the site's environmental context and site specific characteristic."

The applicant states that the plan will deliver, "additional modern warehousing and ancillary offices to an area where new growth is focused."

It adds: "It reflects a commitment to bring forward new investment opportunities to a priority area and provide much needed jobs in the wider area and thus inject growth into the local economy."

Officers at West Lancashire Borough Council said the proposed development "is acceptable in terms of layout, appearance and scale."

They added that it would allow for the "provision and retention of reasonable levels of amenity for the occupants of neighbouring properties."

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Domestic abuse support set to ramp up following end of festive period

Experts say incidents tend to increase at this time of year

Report by **Henry James**

SUPPORT services and charities in West Lancashire that specialise in domestic abuse say they are here and ready to help anyone who needs it following the festive period.

With extra financial pressures and worries during this time of year, experts say this can lead to a rise in incidents of domestic abuse and violence in the home.

West Lancashire Borough Council and its partners can offer help and advice if people are worried that they, or someone they know, might be vulnerable.

Councillor Gareth Dowling, cabinet member for communities and community safety, said: "We want to let people know that help and support is out there for them. Should anyone feel that they are in an abusive relationship or know of someone who is, please reach out for help straight away."

"Our partners at The Liberty Centre and other charities are experts in helping people through domestic abuse issues. One phone call may be all it takes to start the journey out of domestic abuse."

The Liberty Centre is a West Lancashire-based hub for services for victims of domestic abuse and violence.

It offers immediate emergency accommodation for adults and children.

They also offer counselling and support for anyone who is a victim of domestic abuse or feel they may become one.

The Liberty Centre can be contacted on a confid-



There are many support services in West Lancashire for domestic abuse sufferers

ential 24-hour helpline on 0808 100 3062 and 01695 50600. Alternatively, more information can be found at: www.thelibertycentre.org.uk

Another service is Lancashire Victim Services, which offers emotional support, information and practical help to victims of violence in West Lancashire and the wider Lancashire County.

To contact Lancashire Victim Services call 0300 323 0085, email info@lancashirevictimservices.org or visit: www.lancashirevictimservices.org/

There is also the National Domestic Abuse Helpline, which can be contacted on 0808 2000 247, as well as West Lancashire Borough Council, which provides a list of services at www.west-lancs.gov.uk/domesticviolence

Women's Aid define domestic abuse as: 'An incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner, but also by a family member or carer.'

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Lifetime Achievement Award for doctor who had stroke after catching Covid

A DOCTOR at Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust who suffered a stroke last year after catching Covid-19 has been honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sanjeev Sharma, an NHS consultant obstetrician, was recognised for his 30 career at the Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust Time To Shine Awards on December 16.



Dr Sanjeev Sharma

The awards are held every year to thank the staff for their hard work and give accolades to anyone who deserves special recognition.

Dr Sharma, who lives in Formby, has been an expert in Obstetrics And Gynaecology at both Southport Hospital and Ormskirk Hospital for nearly three decades.

He was presented with his award by executive director Dr Kate Clarke.

According to fellow obstetrician, Kevin Thomas, Mr Sharma was deserving of his award because he "is a truly special kind-hearted, gentle man who during his career touched the lives of so many."

The Champion has previously reported how Dr Sharma suffered a stroke after catching Covid-19 in his work in April 2020.

It stopped Dr Sharma from working and led to his family calling on the government to "take Covid more seriously".

Man's graffiti spree cost Merseyrail £5,000 to clean up

Arrogant vandal was caught after he targeted trains at Ormskirk station three times in one day

Report by Henry James

A MAN from Ormskirk who left Merseyrail with a clean up bill of almost £5,000 after a five month graffiti spree has been given a suspended sentence following a British Transport Police investigation.

Thomas Ireland, of Burscough Street, Ormskirk, had pleaded guilty to six counts of criminal damage, five counts of trespass and one count of possession of a controlled drug at an earlier hearing, and was sentenced to 16 weeks in prison suspended for 12 months on Thursday, December 16 at Sefton Magistrates' Court.

The 31-year-old was also handed a 12 week curfew which will be monitored by an electronic tag.

The court heard how on Monday, March 30 last year, a Merseyrail train was spray painted with a graffiti tag at Kirkdale depot.

On March 5 this year, a second train unit was graffitied at Ormskirk station with the same tag.

Ten days later at Rock Ferry station on March 15, Ireland was disturbed in the early hours by security officers whilst spraying a train with the same graffiti tag.

On May 26 another Merseyrail train unit was subject to a graffiti attack at Ormskirk station.

Ireland later returned to the scene of the crime to continue his earlier graffiti.

A third attempt on the same day at the same station was witnessed by the driver of the service.

Ireland was detained and searched by British Transport Police where he was found to be carrying a bag of amphetamines.

A subsequent search of his address revealed a stash of spray paint, sketches of Ireland's 'tag' and



A train at Ormskirk Railway Station was sprayed with the vandal's tag.

photographic evidence.

In police interview Ireland immediately admitted the offences.

Investigating officer PC Craig Harris said: "Ireland ultimately slipped up and was a victim of his own arrogance by returning to the scene of his crime three times on the same day."

"The cost of repairing graffiti is enormous - money which could otherwise be invested back into the network. In addition it also causes disruption to services and inconvenience to passengers as trains are taken out of service to be cleaned."

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"It often involves trespassing onto the railway lines, which can be charged with electricity, or have trains constantly passing through."

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Schools to get Mental Health Support Teams to help pupils and students

YOUNG people in Skelmersdale and Up Holland will be able to benefit with their mental health and emotional wellbeing through support from the new Mental Health Support Team (MHST) which will be based in schools.

The MHST will support pupils at primary, secondary and special schools in Skelmersdale and Up Holland, as well as students at West Lancashire College (up to their 19th birthday).

The teams will support those who are experiencing emotional or wellbeing issues such as low-level anxiety, low mood, or friendship or behavioural difficulties, to ensure they don't escalate to more serious mental health issues.

They will work with pupils either face to face or in groups. They will also give advice to school staff and parents to help children get the right support and remain in education. Where necessary, the teams will work alongside specialist services.

NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) were successful in bidding for NHS England (NHSE) funding to create the new teams which are part of a wider NHSE programme.

CCG staff will be working with mental health teams, headteachers and teachers, parent representatives, partners and third sector organisations from Skelmersdale and Up Holland to develop and establish the new service.

The teams will undertake training and there will be a phased approach from January before becoming fully operational the following year.

Senior commissioning manager for mental health for West Lancashire CCG, Phil Winnard, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be developing this incredibly important service."

"Now, more than ever, supporting our young people with their emotional and mental wellbeing is just so important."

"By offering this support in schools and colleges, we will help pupils to achieve the best educational outcomes and reduce the chance of them developing more serious mental health issues in later in life."

For more information visit www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/resources/patient-and-public-information/mental-health-support-teams-mhsts/

Mini police recruits get straight to work!

A PILOT for young children to get involved in the Mini Police has been relaunched by West Lancashire Police.

Pupils from three schools donned their Mini Police uniforms and set to work on a Christmas project of their choice, which included singing for the community and making Christmas cards.

The Mini Police pilot was initiated after the success of the Lancashire Police Cadet scheme where 13-18-year olds sign up to make a difference to the communities where they live and learn new skills.

The schools select the topics to work on based on the issues they feel are important to the community. They then set about creating a project, with the help of officers to guide them.



Some of the Mini Police recruits.

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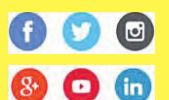
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Council-owned house building firm 'follows due process'

Political group calls for halt to using any public open spaces for development

Report by **Henry James**

COUNCIL-OWNED Tawd Valley Developments will always follow due process when assessing on building on any public open spaces for housing says the local authority.

The assurance was sought by the Our West Lancashire party after the council advanced plans to sell a piece of well-used public open space to Tawd Valley Developments for house building were disclosed in October.

The group accused the council of not following due process on the matter but this has been denied by the local authority.

A West Lancashire Borough Council spokesperson said: "All sites that Tawd Valley Developments (TVD) are exploring are shared at an early stage with a working group which consists of elected members from each political party including Our West Lancashire.

"The piece of land in question was first shared with this group over 12 months ago and no decision has been made by the council around the sale.

"All developers are required to follow a regulatory framework and due process when seeking to acquire land from the council on which to develop and this can involve undertaking consultation with residents.

"On all land sales, the council make an informed decision taking into account all of the facts.

"In the case of TVD, the council owned development company, any profit made by the company would be ploughed back into the council to be



Cllr Adrian Owens

invested into services for the residents of the borough as was one of the main objectives for TVD from the beginning."

OWL Councillor Adrian Owens said: "I'm pleased to have secured an assurance that other areas of public open space in West Lancashire are currently free from the threat of housebuilding.

"This green space is well-used and a community asset. It had previously been ratified as public open space after a consultation with the ward councillors and by a formal decision of the council's cabinet."

Council Owens has called for a halt to the process to sell the land for house building.

He said: "Now that the council officers have said no other public open space is being considered for housebuilding, it is unreasonable to continue with their plans on single piece of public open space.

"Stop this process now and instead look at other land which the council has already identified as suitable for development. If they proceed, once the location becomes public then they can expect strong public opposition."

Future of u3a group is now secured

SKELMERSDALE u3a group has been saved after a committee was formed.

U3A is a nationwide network of learning groups aimed at encouraging older people to share their knowledge, skills and interests in a friendly environment.

At a reconvened AGM Neill Stewart agreed to be the chair and a committee was formed.

The group are now busy planning the programme for 2022 and beyond.

A spokesperson for the group said: "This meeting was well attended by the members and interested members of the public.

"We look forward to seeing them at future meetings."

The group meet at the Ecumenical Centre. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month.

All visitors are always warmly welcome.

Man slashed in face at city nightclub

POLICE are investigating after reports a man from Ormskirk was slashed across the face inside a Liverpool nightclub in the early hours of Sunday December 12.

Officers were contacted at around 1.35am after a 28-year-old, sustained the injuries inside the Invisible Wind Factory on Regent Road by another male.

The victim was taken to hospital for treatment for his injury.

The other male is believed to have left the nightclub a short time after the assault.

He is described as being 20-25 years of age, around 5ft 10in tall with short dark hair and wearing a black polo shirt, dark coloured jeans and a dark coloured jacket.

An investigation is underway and CCTV and witness enquiries are being carried out.

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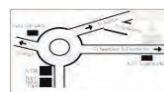
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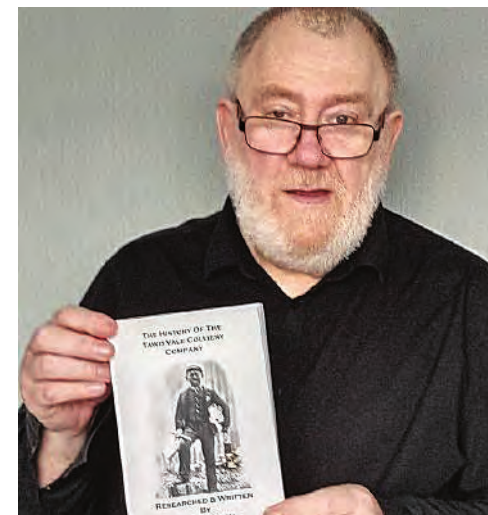
SKELMERSDALE historian Geoff Boden put his time in lockdown to good use to write what he believes is the first ever in-depth book on the history of the Tawd Vale Colliery Company.

By ploughing through contemporary records and newspaper articles, Geoff has discovered the untold story of the Colliery that was one of Skelmersdale's major employers from the mid to the end of the 19th century.

It was the coal mining industry that transformed Skem from a small village of 400 people to a thriving town of thousands and the Tawd Vale Colliery Company was a massive part of that.

The book, published by Skelmersdale Heritage Society, is more than 30,000 words long and packed full of information on the lives of the people who worked in, and ran the colliery from its inception in 1860 to its final closure and sell off in 1902.

Mark Boardman, chairman of Skelmersdale Heritage Society said: "Geoff has crafted a tale full of warring business partners, tragic deaths and local pride with the book covering everything from the founding of the company to the tragic mining Dis-



Geoff Boden with his book

aster of 1897 that claimed the lives of two miners and threw hundreds more out of work."

The book is available now for £8.50. To order a copy, you can email SkelmersdaleHeritage@gmail.com

Nominations open for Your UK Parliament awards

NOMINATIONS are now open for the Your UK Parliament Awards 2022, to recognise and celebrate the work of outstanding community organisations, volunteers, schools and

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MP's Bill for British Sign Language to be made official and set to be debated in Parliament

Timing 'couldn't have been better' after Strictly Come Dancing win for Rose Ayling-Ellis was hailed as victory for deaf community

Report by **Henry James**

DAYS after Rose Ayling-Ellis' Strictly Come Dancing win was hailed as a 'victory for the deaf community' MP Rosie Cooper has been told the parliamentary debate of her British Sign Language Bill will take place on January 28, 2022.

Her Bill is a simple instrument that will declare British Sign Language as an official language of the UK and provide for improved guidance to be issued by the Secretary of State to public services and government departments.

It is a personal campaign for Ms Cooper as her parents were 'profoundly deaf'.

The second reading of the Bill, which is the first time MPs get the chance to debate it, is January 28, and if it passes this stage it will receive a committee stage and third reading later in the year, on the way to becoming Law.

Rosie Cooper MP said: "It has been over six months since I introduced my British Sign Language Bill into Parliament and chose January 28 as the date for the debate.

"The timing couldn't have been better! Rose Ayling-Ellis has brought this incredibly important issue into every living room via TV screens across the country while she conquered Strictly Come Dancing!

"As the daughter of profoundly deaf parents, I grew up with BSL as my first language, so to see it being used every weekend on Strictly is phenomenal.

"So many people are signing up to learn BSL and have a much clearer understanding of what BSL is and why it is essential that we recognise it as an official language.

"There are around 90,000 deaf



The Strictly Come Dancing success of Rose Ayling-Ellis has been welcomed by Rosie Coper MP, inset.

people in the UK that rely on BSL, yet they have to fight every day to be heard or listened to! My Bill aims to help put deaf BSL users on a more equal playing field with everyone else, to require the Government to work with deaf people to develop guidance on how public bodies should enable the use of BSL across their services.

"I hope as many MPs as possible are able to come to the drop-in event in Parliament on January 19, so we can get cross party support for the Bill at the debate on the 28th!"

Ahead of the debate, she has invited all MPs to attend a drop-in event on January 19, that she is hosting in Parliament with the support of the British Deaf Association, RNID and other charities representing the deaf community.

Light Railway gets a helping hand from Co-Op stores



VOLUNTEERS at The West Lancashire Light Railway have issued a "massive thank you" to the Co-op Local Community Fund together with the Tarleton and Banks' Co-op stores, and the Co-op customers who kindly gave their charity donations with every shop purchase to its schools facilities project.

A £4,391 Co-op Local Community Fund cheque was presented by the Tarleton Co-op Store manager Sheila with Mere Brow Primary School in attendance during their recent school visit to the railway.

The funding will help provide school equipment at the railway, funding for school visits and future school facilities, ensuring the youngsters gain hands-on teaching about the Industrial history, the importance of railways and how railways work.

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MAHARISHI SCHOOL

Free 'coffee and chat' mornings

FREE coffee mornings are taking place in Tarleton village every Friday.

The 'Coffee & Chats' are held in the parish room on Church Road from 10am until noon.

The events are organised jointly by Holy Trinity Church and Hesketh Bank and Tarleton Helpers.

For more information, contact Father Mark on 01772 814431.

Help us to help you this New Year

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Health leaders in West Lancashire are sharing some advice to help you, your family and those you care for stay well this weekend and into the New Year.

Dr Peter Gregory, local GP and chair of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) said: "The NHS has planned extensively for this winter, but it is already under immense pressure, and NHS staff need the public to play their part, just as they did last year.

"You can help us to help you, by protecting yourself and loved ones from COVID-19 and flu by getting your vaccines as soon as they are available to you, wearing a face mask in crowded, enclosed and unfamiliar places, handwashing, testing regularly and isolating if you develop symptoms of COVID-19."

Boosters are being made available for everyone 18 and over, as research shows this will offer you greater protection from the Omicron variant.

You can book your vaccine or booster at sites across West Lancashire by going to www.nhs.uk and search **Coronavirus** and then select **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** or by calling **119**.

You may also be invited to a clinic by your GP or visit a walk-in clinic in West Lancashire, details of which are

available on the CCG's website:

www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/popupclinics/

Vaccine sites are based at:

- Hants Lane Clinic, Ormskirk
- Skelmersdale Health & Wellbeing Hub, Concourse Shopping Centre (please note this is separate to the walk-in centre and is located around the corner next to Aldi)
- The Old People's Club, Burscough
- O'Brien's Pharmacy, Burscough
- Some GP practices in West Lancashire

Dr Gregory continues: "If you do become unwell, the NHS is always here for you when you need it. If you need medical advice and aren't sure where to go, use **NHS 111** online or call **111** for assistance. Over half of those using the service can receive a clinical assessment and be offered immediate advice or may be referred to the right service for a booked timeslot.

"Remember, your local pharmacists are health experts who can help with all sorts of conditions and treatments and GP practices are open and continuing to provide services, including face to face appointments where these are needed."

DETAILS OF WEST LANCASHIRE PHARMACY TIMES OVER THE NEW YEAR WEEKEND ARE:

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Fishlocks Pharmacy	56 Liverpool Rd North, Burscough L40 4BY - 01704 894 391	8.30am - 9pm	8.30am - 9pm	CLOSED
Morrison's Pharmacy	Park Road, Ormskirk L39 3RB - 01695 573 289	9am - 5pm	11am - 5pm	10am - 4pm
Aspire Pharmacy	9 Railway Road, Ormskirk L39 2DN - 01695 580022	9am - 5pm	CLOSED	10am - 4am

Times are accurate as of **Tuesday 21 December 2021**. Please check the CCG's website for up to the minute details: www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/winter

To get help for minor illnesses and injuries, the walk-in centre in Skelmersdale and urgent treatment centre in Ormskirk are open seven days a week, including New Year's Day, from 8am to 8pm.

Before attending either centre please contact www.111.nhs.uk or call **FREEPHONE 111** where your problem will be triaged and if required an appointment will be made for you.

- West Lancashire Urgent Care Centre, Ormskirk Hospital, Wigan Road, Ormskirk, L39 2AZ
- Skelmersdale Walk-In Centre, The Concourse, Skelmersdale, WN8 6LJ

Where to go for the right medical help



Use NHS 111 online to get clinical advice or direction to the most appropriate services for treatment. Visit: www.111.nhs.uk. If you need to speak to someone quickly about getting the right medical help, call NHS 111 by telephone*



For common ailments and health needs, contact or pop in to your local pharmacy. You can also access NHS advice and information at www.nhs.uk. For local pharmacy opening hours over this weekend, go to: www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/winter/



For other non-emergency health needs, contact your GP practice during normal working hours via their website or by phone



For help with minor injuries and illnesses, Skelmersdale Walk-in Centre & Ormskirk Urgent Treatment Centre are open seven days a week 8am to 8pm. Before attending please call NHS 111 where your problem will be triaged and if required an appointment will be made



Dial 999 for life-threatening emergencies

*If you have difficulties communicating or hearing, you can use the NHS 111 British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter service via: www.nhs.uk/111 or call 18001 111 on a textphone.



Martin Mere news

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Feedback wanted on county's road issues

RESIDENTS are being invited by Lancashire County Council to give feedback on its highways service via an online survey.

Over the past 12 months, Lancashire County Council's highways service have fixed almost 45,000 potholes, installed 4,000 new Salix LED lanterns on street-lights and repaired more than 3,000 faults on street lights that have caused a light to be out.

County Councillor Charlie Edwards, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "I'd like to thank the team for working so hard this year in delivering an excellent service to our residents, and don't forget that they will still be out maintaining our roads over the festive period so that we can all travel safely."

"We are always keen to get feedback on our service to improve even further, so if you haven't done so yet, please complete our online highways survey and let us know what you think before the end of February."

The council is asking as many people as possible to complete an online highways survey to rate the county's roads.

The national highways survey results are used to help plan and prioritise future work.

Find out more about how the team are working hard to improve Lancashire's roads and complete the survey at www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads



Block of student apartments set for council approval

Report by Henry James

PROPOSALS for a mixed use development to create two ground floor commercial units and 50 student accommodation bedrooms at 6-8 Aughton Street, Ormskirk are recommended to be approved by officers at the borough council.

They will be heard by the council's Planning Committee on January 12.

In September 2021 permission was granted to subdivide the existing ground floor shop into two retail/commercial units and change the use of the rear section of the ground floor into student accommodation. Permission was also granted to change the use of the first and second floors to student accommodation. Under that permission 23 student bedrooms would be provided.

The new application is to create a full second floor and new third floor, which would create a four-storey building. The development would provide 50 student bedrooms.

In a planning document for the development Heidi McDougall states: "I do not consider the alterations to the façade and the inclusion of a



A computerised image of what the development will look like

sensitively designed upper floor will cause harm to the character or appearance of the Ormskirk Town Centre Conservation Area or the street scene."

The council has been told by the applicant that there, "remains a need for purpose-built student accommodation because Edge Hill University continues to grow in popularity despite a dip in university student numbers nationally in recent years."

Play actors give Oscar-worthy performances!

A SPECIAL 'oscar's' night has been held to recognise those people who took part in Domino Drama Group of Burscough's play. The play was about two

Burscough People - Harriet Mahood and Edward Bridge.

Harriet was a women's rights campaigner (suffragette), and Edward Bridge

(a WW2 code breaker) and fought in WW1 with distinction.

The drama group (pictured left) is made up of adults with additional needs.



Guppy Singh with Ade McElhinney from Toby Celtic adult football team

Corner shop teams up with football club!

GUPPY Singh of the Premier Express Ashurst convenience store is sponsoring Toby Celtic adult football team, which has enabled them to purchase a new kit for this season.

Ade McElhinney runs the team, which plays in the Wigan Sat-

urday League and said: "Guppy has recently sponsored us a large amount. It's incredible that Guppy of Premier Express found the generosity to support his local team. This comes at a time when we need to be supporting our local shops."

National Grid looking for 'net zero workforce' apprentices

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper is calling on residents looking for apprenticeships to apply for roles that could help transform the UK energy sector and reach net zero climate targets.

The schemes are run by National Grid which sits at the heart of Great Britain's energy system.

They are currently looking to hire for their apprenticeship programmes which offer opportunities to foster and shape the skills needed for a green energy future through a mix of studying and hands-on experience, transforming the interest young people have in tackling climate change into a reality.

The deadline for apprenticeship programmes is February 27 2022.

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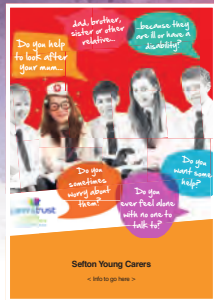
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Foodbank opens new base at nearby church

Report by **Henry James**

SKELMERSDALE and District Trussell Trust Foodbank now has a distribution and drop off point at Burscough Methodist Church.

It is open for the people of Burscough and surrounding areas who have vouchers to collect food parcels on a Thursday morning between 10am-midday.

It also serves as a drop off point for any food donations on a Monday or Wednesday morning between 8.30am and 11am, on a Thursday morning between 10am-midday and also on a Sunday from 9.30am - 11am.

Bev Hayman from Skelmersdale and District Trussell Trust Food Bank said: "We are delighted to have Patrick as our new Foodbank Project manager. He is responsible for coordinating all the food banks in the area."

"We also would like to say a big thank you to Burscough Community lottery for their kind donation of £500 and also a massive thank you to everyone who has already donated together we can make a difference."



Helpers at Skelmersdale and District Trussell Trust Food Bank's distribution and drop off point at Burscough Methodist Church

Merseyrail passengers 'most satisfied' in UK

MERSEYRAIL passengers have been revealed as the "most satisfied" in the UK following a survey conducted by independent travel watchdog Transport Focus.

The survey, which was completed by passengers over the last 12 weeks, showed that Merseyrail passengers had a 95% satisfaction rate with the rail

operators' services, coming joint top in the country alongside c2c. Merseyrail also came top in satisfaction with punctuality and frequency, with a 95% satisfaction rate.

Merseyrail also took the top spot for satisfaction with frequency of trains - scoring 86% satisfaction.

The Liverpool City Region rail

operator also scored high in terms of value for money - coming third in the whole country.

Andy Heath, managing director at Merseyrail, said: "To score so highly in a customer satisfaction survey is a real honour and a testament to the hard work of all of our staff particularly through these challenging times."



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Council-owned housing firm set to complete Brierfield development

Tawd Valley Developments already looking ahead to 'another busy year' in 2022

Report by **Henry James**

HOUSING firm Tawd Valley Developments (TVD), which is owned by West Lancashire Borough Council, is set to complete its Brierfield development in Skelmersdale.

Handover of seven of the new council houses at Brierfield happened ahead of schedule, meaning some residents will be in their new homes for Christmas.

TVD managing director Mark Kitts confirmed that the remaining ten new homes will complete in the next few weeks and that two further schemes are expected to complete by the 'third quarter of 2022': a 27-home development at Northfield in Skelmersdale and a ten home project in Westhead near Ormskirk.

Delivery of the schemes at Westhead and Northfield would mark the completion of its Phase 1 commitment to deliver 81 new council houses for residents in West Lancs.

Mr Kitts said: "We have delivered circa £7m of new housing stock for our shareholder in 2021 and expect a further circa £7m in the coming year.

"Great credit is due to our main primary contractor, Whitfield & Brown and to our wider professional team including John McAll Architects, Shape Engineers and Savills, as well as new team members from ARP and Ecogee. Our foot remains firmly on the gas as far as new activity is concerned."



TVD managing director Mark Kitts and (inset) one of the houses on the Brierfield development



Some sites are already secured for Phase 2 of TVD's business plan which will see the delivery of a more than 100 new homes including the company's first open market sale site.

Mr Kitts also confirmed negotiations are ongoing for the acquisition of a further two sites for Phase 3, among a growing pipeline of 'interesting' opportunities.

He added: "Our business plan has identified open-market sale as a key opportunity to generate a surplus for return to our shareholder to invest in its public service priorities. We are close to securing our first site and look forward to confirming it in due course.

"It's a nice milestone to see on the horizon but we can't stop there. Population growth and demographic change means that housing needs are shifting and we stand ready to support our shareholder's ambitions to ensure a high quality, diverse and fit-for-needs housing stock in West Lancs."



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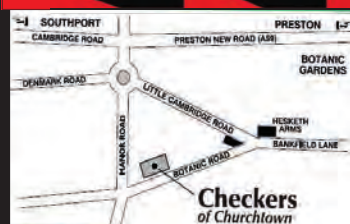
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MP reveals 'blackspot' in law means private school bus drivers don't need DBS check

Rosie Cooper calls on government to fix 'gap in regulation'

Report by **Henry James**

THERE is no statutory requirement for bus companies to get Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for drivers of commercial school bus services, Rosie Cooper MP has revealed.

The West Lancashire MP is investigating the issue after staff at Lathom High School raised concerns that a driver on the school bus service may not have received the Enhanced DBS check that is recommended.

Driving a bus service that is solely for the transport of school children, not available to the public, is a 'regulated activity' and drivers on these services are advised to have an enhanced DBS check.

If a school bus service is subsidised by Lancashire County Council, it is responsible to ensure DBS checks are completed.

Ms Cooper found that for commercial school bus services operated by private companies, however, there is no statutory requirement for checks to be done. Instead, it is the responsibility of the company itself to ensure it is done.

The MP said: "The Government need proper



West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper

assurance, not simple reassurance that every driver of a school bus has a DBS check. This will only come with a statutory requirement, proper oversight and regulation.

"After I wrote to the Transport Secretary, describing this as a regulation blackspot, I have now been told that the Government are looking into whether this is being appropriately monitored!

"I will be following this closely to make sure the necessary levels of regulation are put in place. We cannot allow children to be put at risk if a company hires people without a DBS check!"



The Mayor with a pupil

Mayor enjoys high school nativity

THE Mayor of West Lancashire, Gordon Johnson, attended the opening performance of the nativity at West Lancashire Community High School in Skelmersdale.

A spokesperson for the Spe-

cial Educational Needs school said: "The Performing Arts team would like to say a massive thank you to all students, staff and parents involved in making this such a wonderful event."



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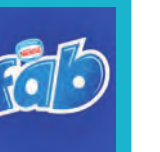
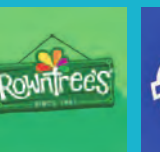
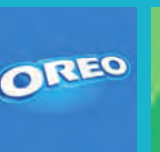
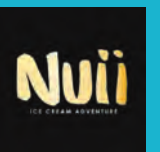
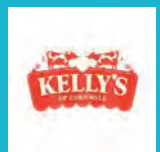
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PETER**

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Aged 74 Years

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missed by all
his family and friends

All enquiries to
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**WATERHOUSE
ANDREW**

Peacefully on
14th December 2021
aged 53 years

Funeral service and
committal will take
place at Southport
Crematorium, on
Thursday 30th
December 2021
at 2pm.

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gratefully being
received in memory
of Andrew for Cancer
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Further enquiries
please to Moisters
Funeralcare, 25a
Sefton Street,
PR8 6SG.
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PAMELA**

6th December 2021
Aged 82 Years
Peacefully after a
short illness

Loving wife of the
late John, Dear sister
in law of Jimaine,
Devoted friend to
many, she will be
greatly loved and
missed by all who
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Funeral service to take
place at Southport
Crematorium on
Wednesday 5th
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Flowers only please
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All enquiries to David
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Road, Southport,
PR9 9BD.
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DEATHS

**O'NEILL
ANTHONY
JAMES**

19th December 2021
Suddenly in hospital aged
82 years

Loving husband of
Sonia, devoted dad of
Kenneth, Stephen and
Joanne, much loved
grandad of Sarah,
Liam, Samantha,
Rory, Reishan, Alex,
Melissa and Ella
and all his great
grandchildren.

Tony will be greatly
missed by his
devasted family.

All enquiries to
Melanie Hardman at
H Hardman & Co.,
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Tel: 01695
722122/720012

DEATHS

**HENDERSON
ANDREW
NEIL**

Passed away peacefully
at home on
20th December 2021
aged 77 years

Andrew will be greatly
missed by all who
knew him, A good
and Loyal friend
to many.

A private Cremation
Service will take place
at West Lancashire
Crematorium,
Burscough on Friday
31st December 2021

All enquiries to :
Neal Buckley Funeral
Home, 49 Church
Road, Tarleton,
Lancashire, PR4 6UQ
Tel: 01772 301700.

DEATHS

**FLETCHER
GRAHAM**

Died 12th
December 2021
Aged 74 years

Much loved Brother
to Francis and Ron.
Uncle to Martyn, Neil,
Nikki and Stephen and
loyal friend to Angela.

He devoted
much of his life
to The Liverpool
Philharmonic, Wigan
Choral Society and
The Southport Bach
Choir.

Graham will be sadly
missed by all who
knew him.
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DEATHS

BARTON KENNETH

12th December 2021
Aged 91 Years

Loving Husband of the late Vicky. Brother of the late Dorothy and Arthur. Reunited with his loved ones. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 6th January at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Arthritis Action UK.

All enquiries to **David at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors, 137-139 Manchester Road, Southport, PR9 9BD Tel: 01704 549222**

DEATHS

POWELL PATRICK

of Ormskirk, formerly of Skelmersdale

19th December 2021
Peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice aged 83 years

The dearly loved husband of Eileen, loving dad of Joanne, dear father in law of Russell and devoted grandad of Melanie and Selena.

Funeral service at St Richards RC Church, Skelmersdale on Tuesday 4th January 2021 at 1:00pm followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice.

All enquiries to **Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012**

DEATHS

COVERDALE MICHAEL

17th December 2021
Peacefully in hospital aged 78 years.

The dearly loved husband of Anita, devoted dad of Ian and Dianne, beloved grandad to Stephanie, Philip, Ellen, Simon and Jonny and loving great grandad to Elizabeth and Samuel.

Mike will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service to be held at St James' Church, Westhead on Friday 14th January 2022 at 10:45am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Rose of Parbold.

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DEATHS

DONOGHUE SEAN JOSEPH

Sean passed peacefully in hospital on 14th December 2021, aged 31 years

Dearly beloved son of Bridget Donoghue. Dear Brother of Richard, Michael and his twin Liam. A much-loved Uncle to Jonathan, Oliver and Michael.

Sean will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him.

Funeral Service to take place at St. John Stone RC Church, Ainsdale, on Friday 7th January 2022 at 11.00am, followed by interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ainsdale.

The family are gratefully receiving donations for the following charities, HCPT and the 23 Foundation.

Further enquiries to **Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Road, Southport, PR8 3HS Tel: 01704 575282**

DEATHS

LAWRENCE JIMMY

Jimmy Lawrence of Crosby, aged 86 years, passed away peacefully on December 20th at Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool



Dearly loved Husband of the late Nellie and much loved Father of Pauline, Angela, Helen and the late James. Father-in-Law to Mark, Fraser and Anthony. Grandfather to Dion, Dale, Elliot, Ciaran, Liam, Laura, James, Rachel, Jessica, Daniel and Adam.

Funeral service to be held on Thursday 6th January at 11.15am at Thornton Crematorium, Glovers Lane, Thornton (will be live streamed also)

May He Rest In Peace
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Ar Dheis Dé Go Raibh Sé

DEATHS

HALL RAYMOND RICHARD (RAY)

on 10th December 2021
Aged 83 Years

Patricia wishes to sadly announce the passing of her dearly beloved Husband Ray, which has left her heartbroken.

He was loved and will be sadly missed by his Son Steven, Daughters Julie, Sam and Vicky, 9 Grandchildren and 22 Great Grandchildren, his Nephew David & family and Step Children David & Erica and Grandchildren.

His funeral took place on 16th December 2021 at Southport Crematorium.

"You fought so hard and suffered so much, rest in peace my darling"

Patricia would especially like to thank Queenscourt Hospice for their tender care and compassion to both Ray and her.

"Those who go first do not feel pain, it is those who remain who suffer".

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DEATHS

HUYTON JASON EDWARD WAYNE

Suddenly on 27th November 2021
Aged 51 Years

Beloved son of Joan and David (dec'd), adored brother of Mino (Michele) and Andrea, Uncle to Jasmine, Harlem and Power, Brother-in-Law to Iain and Mark (dec'd) and Great Uncle.

He was a beautiful soul and touched the hearts of many, he will be sadly missed but his humour will live on forever.
"It's not ideal is it Min???"

Funeral service at Community Church, Ash St on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 11am. Burial at Duke Street Cemetery 12 Noon.

"Please always show love and kindness to everyone."

Flowers or donations in lieu of flowers to British Heart Foundation –

Care of Southport Funeral Care Ltd, 25/27 Shakespeare Street, PR8 5AB. Tel 01704 547274

DEATHS

ROTHWELL LESLEY MARGARET

Passed away on Tuesday 7th December after a short illness, aged 66 years

A loving and caring wife to Jim, mother to Kate, Richard and Charlotte and doting Grandma to Elspeth, Edie, Henry and Ivy. She was the adored only child of Eddie and Brenda Collier of Collier's shoes, Ormskirk, whom she briefly survived.

Lesley was the heart of the family and leaves a huge void. As a retired School Teacher at Stanfield, Merchant Taylors as well as an active philanthropist, she touched many lives and will be remembered by all for her loyalty, warmth and kindness.

Funeral to be held at Ormskirk Parish Church, Wednesday 5th January at 13:00. Any donations would be gratefully received for the NSPCC and British Heart Foundation.

Enquires please to **Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Nr. Ormskirk, Tele: 01695 424888**

LITHERLAND PAT

Died on December 2nd 2021
Peacefully at home
Aged 94 Years

Beloved Wife of the late Brian. Dear Mum of Michael, Mark and Ruth. Dear Pat Pat of Ross and Gregg and Great Grandma to Daniel, Rosa and Cora and Grandmother of Aaron and her Daughters in law Vanessa and Janice.

Family only private Cremation Service at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 26th January at 11.15am followed by Funeral Service at St Helen's Sefton Church, L29 7WG at 12 noon. Dress code: A dash of colour.

All enquiries to **Coyne Bros Funeral Directors Tel: 01704 873899**

HOLT ELIZABETH (LIZ)

Sadly passed away in Aintree hospital on 12th December aged 53 years

Beloved wife of Stephen and mother of Mell and the late Emily-May. Darling daughter of the late Mary and Ken. Your memory will live on in our hearts forever.

Liz will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The funeral service will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium at 12noon on the 31st December 2021. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Sepsis UK.

All enquires to **Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY, Tel: 01695 572997**

GANN DOROTHY ESTHER

Nee Mawdsley formerly Cowell

on 7th December 2021
After a short illness
In her 100th year

Widow of Joseph Cowell and Raymond Gann
Dorothy will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends

Funeral service to take place at All Saints Church, Southport on Thursday 30th December 2021

Family flowers only by request
Donations if so desired, can be made to Cancer UK, PDSA and MAF UK

Donations and further enquires please to **M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG Tel: 01704 214118**

SKARRATTS JOHN SAMUEL

27th November 2021
Aged 77 Years

Beloved Husband of Jean. Devoted Dad of Gary, Tracey, Maxine, Paula, Kenny and Steven. Loving Grandad and Great Grandad.

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'Forever in our hearts'

Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 7th January 2022 at 11.00am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Prostate Cancer or The British Lung Foundation.

All enquiries to **Margaret Whitlam Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane, Tel: 01695 559868**

PRICE MARIAN

Peacefully in her sleep with her family at her side on 11th December 2021 aged 85 years.

Reunited with her beloved husband Tony. A much-loved Mum, Nan and Great Nan who will be missed by all her family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at St Teresa's Church, Upholland on Friday 7th January 2022 at 11.00am followed by burial in the churchyard.

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Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C142 PLOX BROW, TARLETON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C142 Plox Brow, Tarleton from C142 Coe Lane, Tarleton to C142 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 1700 hours on Tuesday 11th January 2022 until 0500 hours on Wednesday 12th January 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. **Two-Way signals will be used to manage traffic going to/coming from Hesketh Lane, Tarleton and Church Road, Tarleton for the duration of the closure.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A59 Windgate, Tarleton - A565 Southport New Road, Tarleton - A565 Southport New Road, Banks - A565 Water Lane, Banks (into Sefton Borough) - A565 Water Lane, Sefton - Banks Road, Sefton (into West Lancashire Borough) - C142 Banks Road, Banks - C142 Ralphs Wives Lane, Banks - C142 Church Road, Banks - C142 Bonds Lane, Banks - C142 Chapel Lane, Banks - C142 New Lane Pace, Banks - C142 Marsh Road, Banks - C142 Shore Road, Hesketh Bank and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow sewer cleaning and maintenance works to be carried out by Sapphire Utility Solutions on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33680/E/W]

Woodlands Hospice LOTTERY

Friday 17th December 2021

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(C166 MILL LANE, APPELY BRIDGE,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge from a point 10m North East of the Railway Bridge for a distance of 40m in a North Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Friday 14th January 2022 until 1500 hours on Saturday 15th January 2021 or until completion of the works within this period. **Vehicle access to Herons Wharf will be from the Appley Lane North end only due to the low railway bridge. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will be unaffected.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5375 Miles Lane, Wigan Borough (into West Lancashire Borough) - B5375 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge - C162 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow sewer cleaning and surveying works to be carried out by Sapphire Utility Solutions on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33477/EW]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2021/1166/FUL Variation of condition no.3 of planning permission 2013/0410/COU - To supply food and beverages between the hours of 9.00 - 23.00 Monday to Sunday at Boskins Cafe, Unit 1, The Boskins, Church Road, Tarleton
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/1300/FUL Retrospective planning application for the erection of an extension to an existing timber stable block comprising of one additional stable box, a covered groom area and a rug /feed room at Vicarage Barn, Southport Road, Scarisbrick
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/1328/FUL Variation of condition no. 4 of planning permission 2019/0761/FUL to allow a gated access at 54B Roby Mill, Up Holland
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/1338/FUL Demolition of existing single storey rear extension, new two storey rear extension and new porch to the front of the property. To assist mobility at 26 Wheat Lane, Lathom
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/1424/FUL Proposed alterations to existing detached property including window openings to front & side elevations, render finish to all walls & new replacement upvc windows at Runnel Coombe, School Lane, Burscough
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/1426/FUL Demolition of existing outbuilding with construction of ancillary accommodation with associated external works at Ambrose Cottage, 50 Pimbo Lane, Up Holland
The application affects a Listed Building.

2021/1427/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing outbuilding with construction of ancillary accommodation with associated external works at Ambrose Cottage, 50 Pimbo Lane, Up Holland
The application affects a Listed Building.

2021/1433/LBC Listed Building Consent - Installation of CCTV cameras and detached timber garden structures (retrospective) at Harrock Hill Barn, Sanderson Lane, Hilldale
The application affects a Listed Building.

2021/1470/FUL Rear dormer extension above ground floor extension, front dormer enlargement, new chimneys and internal alterations at Green Acre, Back Lane, Newburgh
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/1472/FUL Single storey rear extension at 5 Chestnut Close, Halsall
The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website, please contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's website, by e-mail to planapps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
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Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 29th December 2021
Corporate Director of Place & Community PDNOT1168

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5243 BIRKDALE COP, SCARISBRICK AND B5243 HEATHEY LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2020
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2021

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (B5243 BIRKDALE COP, SCARISBRICK AND B5243 HEATHEY LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2020, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:

- i. To amend Article 2 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 29th June 2020 until 2359 hours on Wednesday 29th June 2022.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on 21st December 2021 and may be cited as "**The Lancashire County Council (B5243 BIRKDALE COP, SCARISBRICK AND B5243 HEATHEY LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2020 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2021**".

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/23717/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U459 BACK LANE, BISPHAM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U459 Back Lane, Bispham from U459 Back Lane, Mawdesley for a distance of 125m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 24th January 2022 until 1600 hours on Friday 28th January 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U1320 Ridley Lane, Mawdesley (into West Lancashire Borough) - C173 Bentley Lane, Hilldale - C173 Chorley Road, Bispham - C173 Chorley Road, Hilldale - C172 Maltkiln Lane, Bispham and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a new water connection to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33719/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U1141 TOWER HILL ROAD, UP HOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U1141 Tower Hill Road, Up Holland from a point 40m North East of its junction with U1143 Wellcross Road, Up Holland for a distance of 60m in a Northerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Saturday 8th January 2022 until 1600 hours on Sunday 9th January 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C157 Chequer Lane, Up Holland - C158 Ravenhead Way, Up Holland - A577 Tannanough Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Windmill Road, Up Holland - A577 Newgate Road, Up Holland - A577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the long sided disconnection of old lead water supply and installation of replacement water connection to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33298/EW]

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NIO hasn't decided whether to bring its new ET5 to the UK

2022 MIGHT – if Rishi Sunak gives it just the right fiscal push – be the year that electric edges past internal combustion.

The year we're about to give the boot saw sales of battery electric vehicles (as in purely zero emission ones, with no petrol or diesel engines helping out) jump from nine per cent to 18 per cent, and on that trajectory it's not unthinkable that its market share could double again. The government has, in true Mr Scrooge spirit, just trimmed back how generous its grants for eco-friendly offerings are, which could have an impact on sales. However, if Westminster has a change of heart, it could well help propel sales to nearer 40 or even 50 per cent of new car sales.

And it's with this heady vision of a cleaner, greener future that I-Can't-Believe-It's-Not-Tesla is considering launching a new mid-size saloon. Sorry, I meant that NIO is about to launch a new mid-size saloon. It just happens to be one that looks like what you might draw if someone described a Tesla Model 3 down the phone to you.

Of course, it's sufficiently different that it's unlikely Elon Musk is going to be ringing up his lawyers – the stylists have chuckled a bit of Audi and Kia in there too, just to be on the safe side. There's also no way that Tesla would sell you a Model 3 in almost exactly the same shade of beige that British Leyland used in the early Seventies (Sandglow, if we're being really nerdy here), but that's exactly the hue that NIO's used in its early publicity material.

However, beneath the beige it's good news – NIO is claiming on the posh version with the bigger battery that it'll be able to crack more than 600 miles between charges, meaning that you could feasibly set off from The Champion offices, cruise all down the British motorway network, pop it onto a Eurotunnel train and then waft all the way down to Paris or Cologne



with juice to spare. What's more, a key part of NIO's business model is that you don't have to charge your battery – you can pull in and swap for a fresh one altogether. Range anxiety is so 2010.

It'll also hit sixty in 4.3 seconds and it's been designed (albeit not yet tested) with a Euro NCAP five-star rating in mind, so this is not some crusty Chinese knockoff.

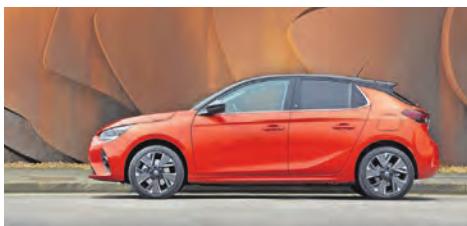
Of course, the kicker with the I-Can't-Believe-It's-Not-Tesla is its answer thus far to the two big questions – when can I have one, and how much is it going to cost? So far, the only European market NIO's launched in is electric-obsessed Norway, and while it's toying with the idea of Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden too, it's not yet confirmed it'll be bringing here too. If it does, it'll have to be markedly cheaper than the £43k an entry-level Model 3 costs, but if they pitch it right it could be the same sort of performance for Golf GTI money.

The NIO ET5 probably isn't going to be part of Britain's lunge towards battery-powered everything next year, but when “market conditions are right”, as NIO puts it, this could be well worth a look.

A marvellously inauthentic beige saloon that just happens to have Cayman-esque levels of performance? Sounds like my kind of car.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

VAUXHALL has dropped the prices of its all-electric models following the Government's revamp of its plug-in grants for electric and low-emission vehicles. The Corsa-e's on the road price has been dropped from £30,305 to £27,305, while the Mokka-e's price has been dropped from £33,865 to £30,865. Sales of all-electric vehicles have helped make the Corsa 2021's best-selling new car here, and Vauxhall's aiming to ramp up its electric car range with a zero emissions version of the latest Astra.



PRICES for Volkswagen's new Multivan will kick off at £43,160, and you'll be able to order one from next month. The seven-seater people mover replaces the Caravelle and is designed to be more flexible inside than its predecessor, and it's being offered with a plug-in hybrid alongside two turbocharged petrol engines. The first Multivans are due to arrive here in March, but go to www.volkswagen.co.uk for more information on the range.

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